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URUGUAY WILL PROVIDE CUP PREVIEW

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This week marks one of the most important milestones in the history of Australian Soccer.

When Uruguay takes the field against the Soccerroos on Anzac Day in Melbourne and at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, it will be the first time that a South American team has faced an Australian national side.

It is fitting that for this historic occasion the Australian Federation succeeded to bring out one of South America's most famous sides.

Uruguay has been synonymous with soccer for more than five decades.

It is no exaggeration to say that it is soccer that has put this small country on the world map.

Two World Cups, two Olympic gold medals, several World Club Championship titles and a host of world-famous players over the years have secured a permanent niche for Uruguay in the history of the world's most universal sport.

PRIVILEGE

Australia is honored and privileged to welcome Uruguay to Olympic Park and to that high temple of Australian sport, the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Australia's first-ever qualification for the World Cup finals, along with Uruguay, fourth in the last series and a perennial finalist, has added tremendously to the significance and importance of this week's matches.

Australia will probably know where it stands after it has played Uruguay.

Australia, the best soccer team east of Suez and champion of the Asian region, have never met opponents of the calibre of Uruguay before.

A reasonable showing against them would boost the Aussies' morale six weeks before their World Cup debut and enhance our prospects of a creditable display in Germany.

The matches against Uruguay, however, will serve essentially as a warm-up, and that goes for both teams.

They give the two coaches, Rale Rasic and Roberto Porta, a chance to work out tactics and have another close look at their players in anticipation of the tough World Cup battles ahead.

This applies especially for Uruguay. Several of their

touring youngsters will be fighting to hold their places in the World Cup when Uruguay will be able to call on many of their foreign-based stars who were not released by their clubs for the Australian tour.

Australia's World Cup opponents, in order, will be East Germany, West Germany and Chile; Uruguay's Holland, Bulgaria and Sweden.

The Aussies go into the matches with very little preparation.

Since beating South Korea on November 13, 1973, to clinch their berth in the finals, the Soccerroos have only played three international matches — two against Ferencvaros, of Hungary, in February, and against Auckland last month.

The Uruguayans have been travelling in Central America and Asia for the past four weeks. A 1-2 loss to Indonesia last Saturday in Jakarta was their only defeat from nine games.

On the score of fitness and match-play, they will have a decided edge.

The Australians, also inferior in individual skill, will rely on their indomitable spirit and traditional fighting qualities — and also, I sincerely hope, on the vocal support of the crowd — to put on a bold showing against the most famous opponents they have ever met.

LIKELY TEAMS

Australia: 1 J. Fraser (J. Reilly), 2 D. Utjesenovic, 3 P. Wilson (captain), 4 M. Schaefer (I. Rudic), 5 H. Williams (C. Curran), 6 R. Richards, 7 J. Mackay, 8 J. Rooney (D. Harding), 9 A. Abonyi (P. Orlerton), 10 R. Baartz (G. Marnell), 11 B. Buljevic (A. Alston).

Uruguay: 1 G. Fernandez, 2 M. Gonzalez, 3 G. De Simone, 4 R. Forlan, 5 M. Zoryez, 6 A. Cardaccio, 7 J. Silva, 8 R. Corbo, 9 J. Jimenez, 10 F. Moreira, 11 D. Milar. Reserves: H. Santos (goalkeeper), W. Corbo, W. Mantegazza, L. Garisto, W. Olivera, S. Rivero, P. Alvarez, J. Gomez, R. Burgos, O. Mondada.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW) in Melbourne; D. Campbell (SA) in Sydney.



The Uruguay team which beat Ecuador 4-0 in Montevideo on July 8, 1973, to qualify for the World Cup finals. Standing, from left to right: Hector Santos, Luis Ubina, Juan Masnik, Alberto Cardaccio, Gustavo De Simone, Mario Soryez. Kneeling: Luis Cubilla, Victor Esparrago, Fernando Morena, Francisco Bertocchi, Denis Milar.

"We are all Australians" — Rale Rasic

The current issue of "Sportsworld", the English monthly, features a four-page, illustrated article on Australia's World Cup challenge.

Here are excerpts of Alan Hobbs' interview with national coach Rale Rasic: "Once the impact of the World Cup hits Australia, you will see the difference."

"For the first time, a World Cup is being televised live here."

"People will be able to see the great players of the world. Obviously, they will compare."

"So it is essential we get one good result to justify our appearance."

"And we might. It is unrealistic to say we could beat West Germany but it is not impossible that we will beat East Germany or Chile."

"We are not playing for now but for the future."

"Ten years ago Everton came here and put eight goals past Australia."

"They could have gone on scoring all night if they had wished."

"But I guarantee one thing: not Everton, not Leeds, not West Germany could score

eight goals against us now, but when we are together we are all Australians."

"And in ten years perhaps we will reach the World Cup quarterfinals or the semi-finals."

Rasic concludes: "Australia's World Cup players may come from many nations, proud."

We shall return

The next major soccer attraction for the Sydney Cricket Ground is likely to be the England-Australia schoolboy international, which is certain to draw a bumper attendance early in August.

The itinerary and detailed August.

At times crowds of over 90,000 have seen the England schools side in action. Last year 55,000 went to Wembley to see England beat The Netherlands 3-1, and their only loss was to the Scots before 32,500, also at Wembley.

School football is big-time in Europe, and success here in July/August is bound to lead to Australia entering top world company in this field.

Tickets will be sold for all matches through the schools and the junior associations.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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All you want to know about the 1974 World Cup — yes, this is the content of "World Cup 1974", on sale at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.

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At the same time, "World Cup 1974" also gives all the facts about previous World Cups, about Australia's past challenges as well as a run-down on the 15

other countries in the finals and a detailed guide to what Australians can expect to see and do in Germany.

Interested? Watch for our sellers at the SCG and at all First Division grounds, or send \$1.25 to "Soccer World", GPO Box 5061, Sydney, 2001, for your mailed copy.

High drama at the Maracana

1950 FINAL WAS THEIR FINEST HOUR

Curiously casual in their light blue shirts, the black shorts nonchalantly tied with white tape, the Uruguayans already contrasted unfavorably with the Brazilians, crisp in the white shirts and shorts, when the teams lined up before the final match of the 1950 World Cup at Rio's capacity-filled (200,000 spectators) Maracana Stadium.

Brazil, who had outclassed all their opponents, only needed a draw to clinch the world title, were at unbackable odds. Uruguay were clearly the underdogs.

With most of the immense crowd behind them, the Brazilians attacked from the kick-off.

They beat against a Uruguay defence in which, for the moment, the huge captain, Varela, played a wholly destructive part. If he was marvellously resilient, the little black fullback Andrade was no less stalwart, while Maspoli performed acrobatic prodigies in goal.

Time and again the Brazilian forwards Zizinho, Ademir and Jair, that terrifying trio, worked their sinuous way through the blue walls of Uruguay's defence. Time and again, a last-ditch tackle by Andrade or Varela, an interception by the flying Maspoli, frustrated them.

In the sixteenth minute there was a tremendous mole in the Uruguayan area, but Andrade strode into the middle of it and cleared.

SPORTS MINISTER WILL BE THERE

The Federal Minister for Tourism and Recreation, Mr. Frank Stewart, will attend Saturday's match between Australia and Uruguay at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

A keen sports fan, Mr. Stewart watched several of Australia's World Cup matches in Sydney last year.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Melita Eagles v. Corinthians — Mona Park
Granville v. Polonia — Garside Park
Balgownie v. Rapid — Balgownie Oval

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

AUSTRALIA v. URUGUAY — Sydney Cricket Ground

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Auburn v. Wests — Mona Park
Marconi v. Croatia — Marconi Oval
Hakoah v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Sutherland v. APIA — Seymour Shaw Park
Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
St. George v. Safeway — Hurstville Oval
Manly v. Melita Eagles — Inman Park
Bankstown v. Marrickville — Soccer Centre
Balgownie v. Corinthians — Balgownie Oval
NS-Inter v. Granville — Garside Park
Gulford v. Polonia — Gulford Park

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Canterbury v. Marconi — Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles v. Gulford — Mona Park
Marrickville v. NS-Inter — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Wests v. Yugal-Prague — Drommyne Oval
Croatia v. Auburn — Marks Field
Sutherland v. Hakoah — Seymour Shaw Park
Pan Hellenic v. St. George — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Safeway — Lambert Park
Granville v. Manly — Garside Park
Balgownie v. Bankstown — Balgownie Oval
Polonia v. Rapid — Soccer Centre
Corinthians v. Newtown — Jubilee Oval

wonderfully to a low shot by Zizinho.

The last seven minutes of the half saw a relaxing of the Brazilian pressure, a time out of war for Uruguay's defence.

Three times their attack got away for a shot. Barbosa saved, without great difficulty, from Miguez, then Schiaffino, like a pale sleepwalker roused suddenly to vigorous action, dribbled brilliantly through Brazil's defence to finish with a searing shot. Barbosa saved this, too.

Then, more significantly still, Varela deserted his post in defence at last, to cap another attack with a drive which Barbosa had to turn for a corner. There were substantial strains in the wind by half-time.

But they were forgotten two minutes after the restart when the Uruguayan captain fell at last. Ademir and Zizinho, working the ball quickly and cleverly, drew Uruguay's defence left, switched it right, and there was Friaca, running in to shoot in full stride — and score.

DEMORALISED

The goal had come too late to demoralise Uruguay. They had held out long enough, ultimately launched sufficient attacks, to be quite sure the Brazilians were mortal.

Their response to the blow was not to crumble but to hit back vigorously, and while the crowd was distracted by the grim sight of a corpse being taken away on a stretcher, the Uruguayan forwards set about Brazil's defence. After two raids had been beaten off, Schiaffino's typically precise through pass sent Perez away for a rocketing shot which Barbosa reached only with his fingertips.

Now Varela had definitively committed himself to attack. Brazil's wingers, thus given more space, enjoyed it briefly, Andrade having to recover superbly to tackle the galloping Friaca. But Ademir, warning his colleagues, seemed to realise something was amiss.

After twenty minutes Uruguay struck again; and scored a goal which had long been in the wind.

Varela trundled the ball into the Brazilian half before sending little Guggia flying down the right, where he was now the master of

inadequately covered Bigode.

The winger's centre reached a totally unmarked Schiaffino who, after four strides, let fly a shot. Barbosa had no hope of saving.

Brazil kicked off; but the virtue, the sting, had gone out of them. It was Varela who bestrode the field, monolithic and indomitable, masterfully breaking up and launching attacks, the old-school centre-half at his best.

After thirty-four minutes of the half Guggia received a pass and found Perez, who shook off Jair, made ground, and returned the ball to Guggia. Once more Brazil's left flank was turned. Guggia ran on to the ball, shot — and it was in the net again. Uruguay led, 2-1.

Moments later, by some trick of the sun, Maspoli's goal was bathed in light, as if to symbolise the victory.

In the last minute even Augusto, Brazil's captain and right-back, was in the Uruguayan penalty area, but there was no breaching that defence.

Mr. George Reader, the English referee, blew his whistle; and the World Cup was Uruguay's.

(From Brian Glanville's "History of the World Cup".)

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT URUGUAY

- Official name: Republica Oriental del Uruguay.
- Area: 186,926 square kilometres in southeast South America.
- Population: 2,400,000.
- Ethnic composition: Spanish (60%, Italian 20%, Mestizo 10%).
- Language: Spanish.
- Religion: Roman Catholic.
- Capital City: Montevideo (1,220,000).
- Political history and Government: Independence from Brazil August 25, 1825. Constitution adopted 1900 was amended by referendum of December 16, 1951. New constitution, February 15, 1967. Comprises 19 departments.
- Head of State: President.
- Economy: The rearing of livestock, especially cattle (9 million head) and sheep (22 million) is the basis of the economy. The main industry is meat packing and processing.
- Flag: Five white and four sky-blue horizontal stripes, alternating with a square white canton (five stripes deep) containing (in gold) "El Sol de Mayo" (the "Sun of May") in splendor, with 16 rays, alternately straight and wavy.

AUSSIES' "TEST" RECORD

Anzac Day's match against Uruguay in Melbourne will be Australia's 116th full soccer international.

Since 1922, when Australia made its international debut against New Zealand, the national team has won 58 times, drawn 21 and lost 36 games.

Australia has scored 264 goals and conceded 194. Since 1965 the national team has played 61 full internationals for 31 wins, 16 draws and 14 losses.



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Baartz' 46 caps

Ray Baartz, Australia's most "capped" footballer in any code, will take his number of appearances for Australia to a record 48 if he plays in both matches against Uruguay this week.

The Australian squad members against Uruguay and the number of times they have played in full internationals:

Ray Baartz	46
Manfred Schaefer	43
Atilla Abonyi	37
Adrian Alston	30
Peter Wilson	27
Ray Richards	25
Jim Mackay	24
Branko Buljovic	16
Doug Utesonovic	16
Jim Rooney	9
Col Curran	8
Jim Fraser	8
Jack Reilly	8
Ernie Campbell	8

TINY SIZE, POPULATION NO BAR TO URUGUAY'S GREATNESS

— By MIKE RENWICK —

Uruguay occupies a unique place in world soccer: a small country with just over two million people, they have produced some of the greatest teams of all times.

Twice they won the World Cup and twice the Olympic title and their crack club, Penarol, also won twice the unofficial World Club championship.

And if you consider that just about all their top-level soccer is played in one city, Montevideo, their achievements look even more remarkable.

Until the 1950s, they were the leading soccer country in South America; it was only after 1958 that they began to relinquish this position to their giant neighbours, Brazil.

Uruguay's soccer is very clearly and embarrassingly dominated by two clubs, Penarol and Nacional while the others have very reason to feel that they are there only to make up the numbers — 12 in the First Division.

However, even these two super-clubs wage a constant battle for survival as the gate takings are small and expenses huge.

Both of them make frequent tours to neighbouring countries or to Europe to fill their coffers.

And when everything else fails — they sell.

Exporter of talent

Uruguay has been a large exporter of talent; almost every World Cup their stars are lured away by lucrative contracts.

This was the case in 1950 and 1954 again when the famous "Colosio" (skyblues) were literally torn apart.

Perhaps the best known player of that era was Juan Schiaffino, this elegant striker who enjoyed many successful seasons with AC Milan.

History repeated itself last year when Uruguay narrowly qualified for this year's World Cup finals.

This was their squad then: Goalies: Santos, Aguirre, Correa.

Defenders: Ubina, Gonzalez, Olivera, Cabrera, Mesnik.

SEVEN TIMES CHAMPION OF SOUTH AMERICA

Uruguay have won the South American Championship seven times, including the inaugural series, in Montevideo, in 1917.

Uruguay also won the last championship, in 1967, before the series were discontinued.

Their other victories, at the expense of their big South American soccer rivals Argentina and Brazil, were in 1920, 1923, 1924, 1926 and 1942.

de Simone, Aparicio, Zoryez. Midfielders: Cardaccio, de Lima, Sorio, Esparrago, Manero, Bertocchi.

Strikers: Castillo, Cubilla, Milar, Rey, Morena, Corbo and Vasconcellos.

Weeks after their qualification foreign clubs snapped up Manero, de Lima, Rey, Santos, Cubilla, Esparrago and Bertocchi.

And if you consider that by that stage they had several others away on "foreign duty" (Mazankiewicz, Ancheta, Forlan, Pavoni, Rocha), you may spare a bit of sympathy for them before the World Cup...

Exodus

A similar exodus after the 1966 World Cup, however, did not prevent the "Uras" from putting on a very good show four years later in Mexico and reaching the semi-final.

Uruguay plays typical Latin American football — with a difference.

While the ball control and skill of their players is usually superb — just think of the great Rocha, the devilish Cubilla or Manero — they have always been able to play a disciplined type of soccer within the confines of strict tactical conceptions.

Their play reflects the hard life-style of most people in this small country: Uruguay plays the hardest soccer in South America. Hard — but not rough.

After the famous "Battle of Berne" in 1954 when the Hungarians beat Brazil 4-2 with quite a few of the South Americans losing their cool, Hungary met Uruguay in the semi-final.

This match produced the best football of the series — in a magnificently clean match. Uruguay lost 2-4 but did so without once displaying the temperament of their Brazilian cousins.

Neither can they be compared to the much more volatile Argentines who often confuse toughness with roughness, as their 1966 match against England and



Juan Mujica scores Uruguay's second goal, beating Israel's goalkeeper Vissoker in their 1970 World Cup match at Puebla. Uruguay, in the dark shorts, won 2-0, then went on to take fourth place.

then their various club sides have demonstrated in recent years.

Australian fans will be certain to see a level of technical skill from them they have never seen before.

In this department they are up to the Brazilian standard even if their approach-work is slightly less exuberant.

British pioneers

Uruguay was "conquered" for soccer by the British — as were so many other countries.

It was British students and engineers who founded in 1861 the Montevideo Cricket Club and soon after the Montevideo Rowing Club.

In 1900 the first national championship started — and one of the teams was of British emigres, FC Albion.

Penarol was founded in 1891 by British employees of a railway company and was called the Central Uruguayan Railway Cricket Club.

In the World Cup it will be again this tiny country that will take on allcomers, including West Germany with about 3,000,000 players — more than the population of Uruguay...

...and it was this same Uruguay that has won the South American championship seven times between 1917 and 1967 which Brazil could win only three times and not since 1949...

MONTEVIDEO'S 'BIG TWO'

It's not only the national team which has made Uruguay's soccer fame.

Two of their clubs, both based in the capital of Montevideo, belong to the very top international echelon.

Nacional and Penarol, the eternal rivals, are known throughout the world and are very much part of the elite of club football.

To prove the point both have won the World Club Championship — at the expense of the winner of the European Champions' Cup — after taking out the title of best South American club team.

A brief outline of the history of the two clubs:

● **PENAROL:** Formed in 1891 by British workers as

"Railway Cricket and Football Club". Thirty-one times champions of Uruguay, including five in a row and nine times in the last 12 seasons.

Remarkably by modern standards, they were champions in 1967 and 1968 without losing a league game. South American champions three times — 1960, 1961 and 1966 — and finalists in 1962 and 1965. World Club Champions in 1961 and 1966. Provided seven men for Uruguay's 1950 World Cup-winning team and great exporters of players to Europe, the best known being perhaps Schiaffino to AC Milan (at a world record \$120,000 fee in 1954) and Santamaria (Real Madrid).

● **NACIONAL:** Two years younger than Penarol, their great rivals and virtually their only opposition. Champions of Uruguay 30 times, they went on to win the 1971 South American Championship and the World Club title against Panathinaikos. Previously finalists in the South American Champions' Cup three times — in 1964, 1967 and 1969. Share the 70,000 capacity Estadio Centenario stadium in Montevideo with Penarol, whom they beat 2-0 on the way to the league title in 1969 — their first such victory in eight years. Provided seven of Uruguay's 1970 World Cup semi-final team, with Luis Cubilla the best known.

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Canterbury

1 (1)
Keri 41 min.

Sutherland

3 (2)
Cacciola 9 min., R. Griffiths 44 min., O'Connor 52 min.

Croatia

1 (0)
M. Harris 85 min.

Hakoah

2 (1)
Morrow 33 min., Fletcher 73 min.

Safeway

2 (1)
Tolson 43 min., McGroty 54 min.

Yugal-Prague

2 (1)
J. Alagich 32 min., Takac 75 min.

P. Hellenic

2 (0)
Manuel 68 min., Ile 73 min.

Auburn

0 (0)

A.P.I.A.

2 (0)
Ollerton 76 and 82 mins.

St. George

1 (1)
Morgan 41 min.

West

0 (0)

Marconi

1 (0)
Burns 87 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Fuzes 3, G. Brown 3, Whitehead 3, Mullen 3, Venables 3, Balafas 3, Armytage 3 (Angelopoulos 60 min.), Keri 4, Pocock 4, Piatti 3 (Welton 66 min.), R. Brown 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: L. Heges.

Match rating: * * *

Maher 4, Branson 3, Bennett 3, P. Smith 4, Wykes 3, Bourke 3, P. Thompson 4, Trail 4, L. Smith 3 (Suggett 82 min.), R. Griffiths 4 (replaced Cacciola 30 min.), O'Connor 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

D. Smith 3, Johnston 3 (Ivanovic 72 min.), Darvill 3, Brady 4, Yaager 4, Whalley 4, Doyle 3, Sullivan 3, Duma 3 (Nixon 77 min.), M. Harris 4, Vojtek 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: M. Kiss.

Match rating: * * *

Coe 3, Fekete 3, Mowbray 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 3, Mackay 4, Watson 3 (Fletcher 57 min.), Muniz 4 (Lynch 78 min.), Morrow 4, Baartz 4, Rutherford 4.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Hesford 3, Tuckerman 3, Wilson 3, Gleeson 4, A. Thompson 3, Stonehouse 3, Fryer 3, McGroty 4, Tolson 4, Alston (sent off 89 min.), Rigby 2.

TOTAL: 32.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: * * *

Petrovski 3, Trkulja I 3, Trkulja II 4 (replaced Boskovski 16 min.), Velkovski 3, Rootsey 3, S. McDonald 3, J. Alagich 3, Mihajlovic 3, Srdarevic 3 (Kuzmanov 62 min.), Takac 4, Perry 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: S. Ducevski.

Tuinman 3, Izait 4, Rudic 5, Barbouttis 4, Palmer 3, Stowell 4, Ile 4, Harding 4, Manuel 3, Carrizo 3 (Cuileodon 73 min.), Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: J. Calogeras.

Match rating: * * *

Hosowski 4, McMillan 4, Hughes 3, Malone 3, Leak 4, Hucker 3, Quesed 3, Stewart 3, Walker 3, Keddie 3, Sidney 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Marston.

Roberts 4, McGinn 4, Jenkins 4, Clarke 3 (Wallace 65 min.), Smart 3, Russell 4, Blues 4, Rooney 4, Ollerton 5, Rogers 4, Butler 4.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Match rating: * * * * *

Fraser 3, Utjesenovic 4, Williams 5, Schaefer 5, Coton 3, Stoddart 4, Herron 4, Abonyi 3, Morgan 3 (G. Harris 75 min.), Hamilton 3, McDonald 4.

TOTAL: 41.

Coach: M. Johnson.

T. Eaton 4, Perry 3, Turnbull 4, Radcliffe 4, Curran 3, Gray 4, Trebilcock 3, Iswadi 4, Lindsay 3, Bendall 2, Ainslie 3 (C. Eaton 79 min.).

TOTAL: 37.

Coach: I. Scheinfug.

Match rating: * * * * *

Murray 4, Degney 3, Robertson 4, Moschen 4, Richards 4, Burns 5, Bejakovic 3, Campbell 4, Mihajlovic 4, Jones 3, Williams 2.

TOTAL: 40.

Coach: L. Baumgartner.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

The appalling conditions made a mockery of this match. With the whole pitch under water, it was impossible to hold or pass the ball. Under those conditions it was inevitable that luck would play a big part in shaping the result. However, although the ball bounced favorably for Sutherland, Jimmy Livingstone's charges deserved their first win of the season. Apart from 20 minutes in the first half when the Berries were very unlucky not to score at least twice, Sutherland looked more confident and comfortable in the rain and slush. They also had a fourth goal disallowed and combined better when they broke away. The Berries were very vulnerable in defence and hopelessly sterile in attack with the exception of Keri, who scored a fantastic 30-metre freekick and Pocock, whose headers deserved a better fate.

Crowd: 563.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

A very evenly contested match with more spills than thrills. Both sides went through the motions without much enthusiasm. In the first half Croatia had more chances, but sadly missed an effective striker. The Hakoah goal came against the run of the play when a clearance was picked up by Rutherford, who made a run on the touchline and crossed the ball to the unguarded Morrow, who scored easily. In the second period Croatia tried hard to equalise but it was again Hakoah who scored. This time a cross from Muniz landed on the head of Fletcher, who beat goalie Smith to the ball by a fraction of a second. Croatia's consolation goal came much too late in the match, from a cross by Doyle to Mike Harris, who first-timed the ball with such force that Martin Coe didn't have time to lift a finger.

Crowd: 1,120.

Referee: P. Rumpsey.

— FRANK JORDAN

The biggest crowd of the season at Woonona saw Safeway drop their first home point. Referee Henry Witschge stole the show when he booked nine players and sent off Adrian Alston in the 89th minute for alleged persistent misconduct. Witschge must have got writer's cramp taking the names of Alston, Trkulja I, Wilson, Alagich, Stonehouse, Takac, Trkulja II, Tuckerman and Tolson. The heavy slippery ground certainly contributed to the huge total of fouls, but shirt and arm-pulling seemed to be the fashion of the day in what was otherwise an exciting game. United started in great style but midway through the match Takac and Mihajlovic got the better of Alston and McGroty in midfield. A draw was an eminently fair result on a heavy ground which stifled the attacking build-up of both teams.

Crowd: 3,798.

Referee: H. Witschge.

— PAUL POSETTI

The Pan Hellenic defence played reliably throughout, and when Ile started the forwards firing in the 68th minute their combined strength burst the Auburn defence right open. He was unlucky not to have scored the first goal, which cannoned back to him off the post, but he showed both presence of mind and unselfishness when he switched play to Gary Manuel for the World Cup squad striker to net. Peter Brankin set up a similar shot for Ile five minutes later, and the ball bent beautifully off his instep into the far corner of the goal. Apart from Ile's burst of inspiration, the power behind Pan Hellenic was Ivo Rudic, who marshalled the centre defences in the first half and distributed with rare judgment in the second. Bruce Stowell again had a good match.

Crowd: 2,218.

Referee: F. Shiba.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Late goals by Peter Ollerton enabled APIA to snatch a victory which seemed certain to elude them in a magnificent match. APIA hit Saints with everything right from the kick-off, but there was always a St. George player to heroically clear a certain goal off the line as the APIA bombardment continued almost unabated. One lost count of the times Schaefer and Williams came to the rescue of the besieged Saints. Completely against the run of the play, Neville Morgan put St. George in the lead just before half-time. Less aggressive in the early stages of the second half, APIA looked like losing as the Saints regained some composure, but when Ollerton equalised in the 76th minute there was no stopping them. The winning goal was hotly disputed by St. George, who claimed referee Tim Davies had blown his whistle to signal a foul before Ollerton headed the ball into the net.

Crowd: 3,629.

Referee: T. Davies.

— LOU GAUTIER

After their dismal game 48 hours earlier against Auburn, Marconi lifted themselves from the doldrums to score their first win of the season and at the same time inflict the first defeat on Western Suburbs. It was a lucky win for the Fairfield side, made possible for them by none other than their "reject", Eric Burns, who was brought into the side as "punishment" to the players who failed against Auburn. The little flier worked his heart out in a tight, but thrilling game which produced some incredible spills. Wests would rightly feel that they deserved at least a point for their effort and most would agree with them, but their shooting was terribly astray. Their Indonesian schemer, Iswadi, was a constant threat to the Marconi defence with his speed and accurate passing.

Crowd: 550.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— CHARLES SPIERI

TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	5	—	—	21	3	10
APIA	5	—	—	12	2	10
St. George	4	—	—	13	10	8
Safeway	4	—	—	12	8	8
West	3	—	—	12	6	6
Pan Hellenic	1	3	1	7	8	5
Sutherland	2	1	2	6	5	6
Yugal-Prague	2	1	2	7	8	4
Marconi	1	1	4	6	12	3
Croatia	1	1	3	4	15	3
Auburn	—	1	8	1	10	1
Canterbury	—	1	6	19	1	1

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Safeway	4	1	2	20	14	9
St. George	4	1	2	11	7	7
Sutherland	2	3	—	11	8	7
Marconi	3	—	1	10	3	6
Hakoah	3	—	1	10	5	6
APIA	2	1	1	12	5	5
West	1	2	—	6	4	4
Auburn	2	—	2	4	3	4
Croatia	2	—	2	6	10	4
Pan Hellenic	1	1	3	4	6	3
Canterbury	—	1	6	3	19	1
Yugal-Prague	—	4	0	15	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	3	2	—	14	5	7
Guilford	2	3	—	10	6	7
Manly	3	—	1	7	4	6
Melita Eagles	2	1	1	7	4	5
Corinthians	2	1	1	8	8	5
Polonia	2	—	2	7	8	4
Balgownie	1	1	2	3	6	3
Rapid	1	1	2	3	5	1
Newtown	1	1	3	5	11	2
Marrickville	—	1	3	3	9	2
Bankstown	—	1	3	3	7	1
NS-Inter	—	1	3	3	7	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	4	—	1	20	3	8
Manly	3	1	—	13	5	7
Rapid	3	1	—	11	7	7
Balgownie	3	—	1	10	5	6
Guilford	2	1	2	18	14	5
Bankstown	2	1	1	7	9	5
Melita Eagles	2	—	2	8	13	4
NS-Inter	2	—	2	8	13	4
Corinthians	1	1	2	7	12	3
Polonia	—	1	1	7	15	0
Newtown	—	1	1	7	15	0
Marrickville	—	4	2	16	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	3	1	—	14	0	8
Bankstown	3	1	—	9	3	7
Granville	3	1	—	7	6	7
Balgownie	2	1	—	16	6	4
Corinthians	2	1	—	10	5	7
Polonia	1	1	—	6	3	3
Newtown	1	1	2	2	10	3
Guilford	—	1	2	3	5	2
Rapid	—	2	1	3	5	2
Melita Eagles	—	1	3	5	9	1
NS-Inter	—	1	2	2	6	1
Marrickville	—	4	2	14	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	—	12	4	7
Arncliffe	2	2	—	12	6	4
Warrigah	2	1	—	10	4	5
Revesby	2	1	—	10	4	5
W. Sutherland	2	—	1	8	5	4
Nth. Districts	1	2	—	6	8	3
West Ryde	1	2	—	7	9	2
Wentley	—	1	2	7	9	2
Campbelltown	1	1	3	4	8	1
Gladesville	—	1	3	4	8	1
Uni. of NSW	—	1	2	11	1	1
Belmore	—	3	3	12	0	0

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Napcan	3	—	1	15	3	6
Blacktown	2	1	—	13	5	5
Queens Park	1	2	—	12	1	4
Greenwich	1	1	—	8	4	4
Toongabbie	1	1	—	4	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	1	6	6	3
Riverstone	—	2	1	4	5	2
Bondi	—	2	1	3	13	2
Concordia	—	2	1	3	13	2
Arncliffe	—	1	2	3	13	1
Yagoona	—	2	1	3	13	1
W. St. George	—	2	2	14	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Revesby	2	—	1	14	4	4
Padstow	2	—	1	11	2	4
Artarmon	2	—	1	7	4	4
Eastwood	2	—	1	9	5	4
Holroyd	1	1	1	7	7	3
Maroubra	1	—	1	8	6	2
Lehrbridge	—	2	1	8	6	2
Lane Cove	—	1	3	3	4	2
Macquarie Uni.	—	1	2	5	12	2
Sydney Uni.	—	1	3	7	1	1
N. Bankstown	—	1	4	8	1	1
South Sydney	—	2	1	14	0	0

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairfield-Kiev	3	—	1	13	0	6
Calverley	2	—	1	10	6	4
Baulkham Hills	2	—	1	6	4	5
North Ryde	2	—	1	9	9	4
Sydney Heights	1	1	—	7	1	3
Blacktown	1	1	2	5	11	2
Kingsford	1	—	2	5	5	

CHAMPIONSHIP 1974

Full Sunday round has star quality

— By LOU GAUTIER —

No matter how attractive Sunday's round, attendances are bound to be affected by Saturday's Australia v. Uruguay international at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

A pity, really, because several of the Round 6 matches have star quality.

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic and St. George-Budapest v. Safeway United are the pick of the weekend's club fare.

Marconi v. Croatia

Without last Sunday's 1-0 win against Wests, Marconi would now be in equal last place with the hapless Croatia.

Marconi, however, have nothing to crow about. Their form this year has been disappointing, to say the least.

Their demise is all the more surprising as, with the exception of Max Tolson, they have the same side as for most of last season (Carrizo having missed the greater part of 1973).

Croatia are going from bad to worse and relegation is no longer an idle threat for the team that promised

so much in the earlier stages of the Ampol Cup. Derek Smith is sorely missed in their attack, but the defence is not all that hot either and may even have trouble containing as lacklustre an attack as Marconi's where I would like to see Ernie Campbell allowed to play as a true striker at last.

Yugal-Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Yugal-Prague can wear their tag of Sydney's only unbeaten team in the league with pride.

Their match against Hellenic at Marks Field deserves match of the round status jointly with the St. George-Safeway clash.

Yugal's magnificent start in the championship should coax their supporters out of "retirement" and entice them to fill the stands on Sunday.

Pan Hellenic's support, despite a good string of recent results, has, surprisingly, again dwindled after an Ampol Cup boom.

With former Yugal-Prague stalwarts Rudic, Tuinman and Iie turning out trumps for Pan Hellenic, this will be quite a family affair.

Yugal stubbornly refuse to bite the dust; Pan Hellenic may have to settle for a draw.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

S. KERN (Canterbury)	4
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	4
J. HERRON (St. George)	4
M. TOLSON (Safeway)	4
J. BUTLER (APIA)	4
C. CACCIOLA (Sutherland)	4
P. OLLERTON (APIA)	4

TEAM OF THE WEEK

MAHER (Sutherland)
McMILLAN (Auburn)
RUDIC (Pan Hellenic)
SCHAEFER (St. George)
RICHARDS (Marconi)
BURNS (Marconi)
P. THOMPSON (Suther.)
McGROTTY (Safeway)
OLLERTON (APIA)
TAKAC (Yugal-Prague)
BUTLER (APIA)

TIPSTERS' CORNER

CHAMPIONSHIP

MATCHES

	L. Gautier	M. Renwick	K. Gilmour	C. Spiteri	F. Jordan	Most favored
Auburn v. Wests	2	2	2	x	2	2
Marconi v. Croatia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hakoah v. Canterbury	1	1	1	x	1	1
Sutherland v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yugal-Pr. v. P. Hellenic	x	x	2	1	2	2
St. George v. Safeway	x	x	1	1	1	1
Manly v. Melita	2	2	2	2	1	2
Inter v. Granville	2	1	2	2	2	2
Bankstown v. Marrickville	1	1	1	2	1	1
Balgownie v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
Guildford v. Polonia	2	2	2	2	1	2
Melita v. Corinthians	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1
Balgownie v. Rapid	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: L. Gautier 27, C. Spiteri 27, K. Gilmour 25, M. Renwick 24, F. Jordan 21.

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Auburn v. Western Suburbs

Wests, who lost their unbeaten record last week, undertake a perilous trip to Mona Park on Sunday.

Auburn, a hard-working, if unspectacular side, don't look all that inferior to a low-scoring Western Suburbs which still lacks flair in attack.

Wests badly need some creative, hard-shooting forwards to stay in the upper rungs of the ladder.

Since attack is not Auburn's forte either, I expect a hard-slogging game with the defences well in control and perhaps only the odd goal in it either way at the finish.

I tip: Wests.

Hakoah v. Canterbury

Hakoah's second championship win was not impressive.

But with five points on the board, the champions may start to breathe more freely again and the boost to their badly dented morale could improve their performance.

The Berries will be no push-over. They are blessed with superb goalkeeping.

Deferred match

MARCONI: 0

AUBURN: 1

Marconi: Murray 3, Degney 4, Robertson 4, Moschen 4, Richards 3, Jones 3, Samuel 2, Mihajlevic 3, Brajkovic 3, Campbell 3, Griffiths 2 (Burns 68 min.).
Auburn: Hoszowski 4, McMillan 4, Hughes 3, Malone 4, Leak 3, Hucker 4, Quested 3, Stewart 2, Walker 3, Keddie 3, Sidey 4.

Scorer: Sidey 63 min.

Referee: H. Witschge.

Crowd: 1,011.

CROWDS

Last week's attendance: 11,941 (13,094).

Average per match: 1,990 (2,182).

Attendance after 5 rounds: 61,655 (60,169).

Average weekly attendance: 12,332 (12,034).

● In brackets, last year's corresponding figures.

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	Wests	APIA	Safeway	Yugal-Prague	Croatia	Pan Hellenic	Auburn	Sutherland	Canterbury
Hakoah	●											
Marconi	2-0	●										
St. George	0-1	1-1	●									
Wests	0-3	2-1	●	●								
APIA	3-2	1-1	3-0	●	●							
Safeway	1-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	●	●						
Yugal-Prague	2-3			2-1	1-1	●	●					
Croatia	0-3	0-0	3-2	0-3	●	●	●	●				
Pan Hellenic									●	●		
Auburn										●	●	
Sutherland											●	●
Canterbury												●

ROUND 6

strikers in Steve Keri, their best player this season, and Ray Pocock, one of the best headers of the ball in Sydney.

Hakoah must play it tight in defence to keep the two points at Wentworth Park.

Rutherford and Co., in any sort of form, should not find the Berries' shaky rearguard beyond them and I take the Blues to nudge further up the table in a fast-moving match.

Sutherland v. APIA

Two last-round winners will feature in an interesting match at Seymour Shaw Park, often the graveyard of fancied teams.



PETER OLLERTON

Sutherland gained two precious points at Arlington in their first championship win away from home in First Division.

APIA played like a team inspired to beat St. George last Sunday in one of the best matches seen at Lambert Park for some time, and only have to repeat that super-form this weekend to lay strong claims to their first championship title since 1969.

Sutherland's defence will be under tremendous pressure right from the word go. Goalkeeper Allan Maher, whose form this season has been impeccable, will probably be the man who matters most in this game.

St. George v. Safeway

There will be some very weary players at Hurstville in this top-of-the-table game. For Saints' and Safeway's internationals this will be the fourth match in seven days as some will have played against Uruguay on Thursday and also 24 hours earlier.

The match couldn't be more important for both teams, neither of which can afford to lose as their high current standings are deceptive because of the two matches more played than their immediate pursuers.

Saints' forward line was ineffective against APIA. This weekend they come up against an uncompromising, tough-as-nails United defence which gives little away.

Despite United's horrific record against Saints in Sydney, I have a hunch they can return to Woonona with a draw this time.

VITAL STATISTICS

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic 7-7-10

Despite Hellenic's positive record, Yugal won both league games in 1972 and 1973.

At the Marks Field, however, the home team's record is dismal: three wins only in 12 years.

Hakoah v. Canterbury 11-7-8

In 1971, when the Berries were last in Division One, Hakoah won 1-0 (the Demopoulos riot) and drew 1-1.

There's only been one Canterbury success in the last 17 matches against the Blues.

St. George v. Safeway 16-4-6

The provincials have a dreadful record away from home: one solitary victory, 10 years ago.

And what's more, with the exception of last season's 1-1 at Hurstville, they have always gone home pointless.

Auburn v. Wests 1-1-4

Auburn's only win was a 2-0 in 1972 at Mona Park, where the teams drew 0-0 last year.

Sutherland v. APIA 0-1-3

Last season APIA won 2-0 at Seymour Shaw Park, but in 1972 it was a 1-1 draw at Miranda.

That was the one and only time Sutherland scored a goal against APIA.

Marconi v. Croatia 5-2-1

Croatia have only won once — when the teams met for the first time, in March 1970, at Bossley Park.

The last five games have resulted in Marconi victories.

TEAMS

AUBURN

HOSZOWSKI
LAWSON
McMILLAN
MALONE
LEAK
HUCKER
QUESTED
STEWART
WALKER
KEDDIE
SIDEY

WESTS

T. EATON
PERRY
GRAY
RADCLIFFE
CURRAN
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TESSILCOCK
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LINDSAY
BENDALL
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ROONEY
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Joao Havelange, the president of the Brazilian Sports Confederation, has returned home to Rio from his world tour where he campaigned for the FIFA presidency. "Of the 139 countries, 70 have promised me their support," said the Brazilian business tycoon.

● Though Gerd Muller hasn't scored in his last five international appearances, he is still West Germany's leading international goalscorer, with 61 goals in 53 matches.

● The West German players will only have 10 days' holidays before they start training for the World Cup finals. The Bundesliga competition will end in three weeks and the national cup will assemble in Hamburg on May 30.

● The Polish World Cup team slumped to another humiliating defeat when trounced 1-4 by VfB Stuttgart in Germany last week.

● Carl Zeiss Jena beat Dynamo Dresden 3-1 to win the East German Cup final last Saturday week in front of 60,000 spectators in East Berlin. Ten World Cup squad members were on display. The club season has now ended and World Cup preparations are in full swing for Georg Buschner's men.

● The Austrian First Division could be drastically reduced from 17 to 10 teams next season, with Vienna limited to two clubs only.

● "Franz Beckenbauer is the best player in the world. With him even Australia could win the World Cup" — that's an admiring Denis Law talking.

● Ribar, the Radnicki coach, is tipped to take over the Yugoslav national team after the World Cup when Milan Miljanic will leave for his lucrative Spanish appointment with Real Madrid.

● Ajax Amsterdam were eliminated by PSV Eindhoven in the semifinals of the Dutch Cup. The final on May 1 at Rotterdam is between PSV and NAC Breda.

● Fiorentina have renewed the contract of their young manager Radice for one year.

● Belgium's Standard Liege have offered River Plate \$115,000 for their Argentinian international centre-forward, Carlos Morete, 25.

● Moenchengladbach, the crack West German club, could be up for \$500,000 in June when the contracts of star players Kieft, Wimmer, Rupp, Sieloff, Michalik, Vogts and Bonhof all expire. It could cost them that much if they were to agree to the seven players' resigning-on fees.

● Brian Kidd will be transferred from Manchester United to Southampton next season — if the south of England club is not relegated to Second Division.

● West German World Cup stars Honess and Breitner have collaborated to write a book on the World Cup, of which they expect to sell 100,000 copies.

● It now appears almost sure that Chile will have to play without their ace defender Figueroa in the World Cup. His Brazilian club, Internacional Porto Alegre, is asking \$350,000 to "lend" him to Chile for six weeks!

● Ademir da Guia, the 30-year-old Palmeiras star, has been recalled into the Brazilian squad — after an absence of nine years. Ademir last played for Brazil in 1965 and while a member of the 40-strong initial squad in both 1966 and 1970, he just couldn't make the teams. The tall, powerful blond Ademir is now being groomed to take over from Gerson as the playmaker.

● "Goals, tears, triumphs" is the title of a 90-minute feature film just released in West Germany, showing highlights of some of the greatest international matches in the last few decades.

● Following the riot at the AS Roma v. Lazio match, Roma have been reprimanded and informed that they would have to play their next two home matches on neutral ground.

● Ajax have sacked their coach, Georg Knobel. Since he replaced Stefan Kovacs last year the Dutch champions have hit the skids.

● FC Magdeburg are the 1973-74 East German champions. Carl Zeiss Jena came second and Dynamo Dresden, last season's champions, third.

● Gordon Kew will referee next week's English FA Cup final. Kew, an insurance assessor from Buckinghamshire, was in charge of the riotous quarterfinal tie at James Park when Newcastle fans invaded the pitch after Nottingham had gone to a 3-1 lead.

● China's national team has played seven matches in Syria. It will be interesting to see whether FIFA orders any sanctions against the hosts for meeting non-member China.

● Zurlini, one of the stars of Napoli, suffered severe injuries in a car smash. Two of his passengers, both Napoli officials, died in the accident.

● A rejuvenated England played a disappointing 0-0 draw with Portugal in Lisbon, in front of only 15,000 spectators. Of the better known former stars only Storey, Ball, Peters and Channon made Ramsey's team.

● Sion beat Xamax Neuchatel 3-2 in the first French-speaking Swiss Cup final in 16 years. Xamax will be the Soccerroos' opponents in Switzerland on June 4.

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WORLD CUP NEWS AND VIEWS



YUGOSLAV 'TUG-O'-WAR' IS STILL ON

— By PETAR MESKOVIC —

BELGRADE. — The "tug-o-war" between the Yugoslav Association, clubs and national team manager Miljan Miljanic continues.

The main argument is raging over preparations of the team for the World Cup.

One member of the technical committee, Milan Ribar recently told newspapermen that "Yugoslavia will be the most casually prepared team in the finals". (Has he heard of Australia? Editor.)

Several clubs objected to the plan that their players should be asked to turn out for more than four matches a month. Under pressure, the Association accepted the protest and scrapped plans for midweek games by the national side.

The latest is that the championship will end on May 12; it will be, in effect, only after that date that Miljanic can get his squad together.

Some loose kinds of preparations began on April 4 with the squad meeting for an occasional midweek training but this is doomed to failure as several clubs, including the leading sides Hajduk and Red Star, find a million excuses not to release their players.

Meanwhile the storm over Miljanic's contract with Real Madrid also continues.

Miljanic was criticised for having accepted the Spanish offer before the World Cup.

"I am surprised at the official indignation," Miljanic said. "Everybody knew I was negotiating."

"I accepted the Yugoslav national team's managership and will stand by this."

"Most of the attacks against me come from Association sources and this I find detestable."

"I've been working as coach for 17 years and never did I receive a dinar from the Association."

"I have postponed my departure for Madrid because of the World Cup — and this will mean quite a financial loss to me."

"So what do I get for my pains? Backstabbing..."



Joachim Streich (left), East Germany's top scorer in the World Cup qualifying series, in action against Hungary. Streich, 22, who plays for Hansa Rostock, has 28 international caps to his credit.

ARGENTINA IN THE FINAL — BRAZILIAN ACE

— From LUIS PEREIRA in Rio —

Rivelino, one of the truly established stars of Brazilian soccer, tips a Brazil v. Argentina final in the World Cup.

"We have got to know the European style very well on our 1973 tour and so did our neighbours, Argentina," he said.

"Our defenders can mark their men closely, something that was alien to us even five years ago."

"Of course, we still want to attack, as this comes most naturally to our players."

"And with players like Paulo Cesar, there is no rea-

son why Brazil couldn't smash through any defence."

Rivelino admitted that Pele's replacement would be impossible. Instead, he said, the aim should be to blend together 11 equally good players.

"If Brazil and Argentina could reach the final, this would dispel for good the old

wives' tales that we South Americans can't play in Europe," Rivelino added.

● Brazil's latest warm-up match — at the Maracana Stadium — resulted in a narrow 1-0 win against Bulgaria — and once again the "tri-campeonato" were booed off the field by the 138,000 spectators.

A German view of Rale Rasic

Peter Bizer, who recently visited Australia with a German TV cameraman, continues his features on our World Cup preparations in the Munich weekly "Kicker."

In the latest issue he writes about Rale Rasic and his contribution to Australian soccer.

Bizer writes, inter alia: "Tom Anderson, former Scottish international player and now Australia's No. 1 soccer writer, described Rasic

to me as God's gift to Australian soccer."

"He is an outstanding psychologist, knows all about world events and is good at tactics."

"His players will walk through fire for him..."

Later in the story Bizer discusses Rasic's club activ-

ities and says:

"His new contract with Pan Hellenic guarantees him \$22,000 a year as well as the same \$110 win bonus as the players get."

"On top of that, the club gave him a new Volvo car worth \$11,000 just to secure his services..."

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2. Result of Australia v. West Germany* (10 points)
3. Result of Australia v. Chile* (10 points)
4. Result of Yugoslavia v. Scotland** (10 points)
5. Result of Italy v. Argentina *** (10 points)
6. Name the leading goalscorer of the World Cup (3 points)
7. How many matches will referee A. Boskovic appear in **** (5 points)
8. Number of players sent off in the finals (7 points)
9. Loser of the play-off for third place (5 points)
10. Winner of the play-off for third place (5 points)
11. Runner-up in the World Cup (beaten finalist) (5 points)
12. Winner of the World Cup (5 points)

* Give full score, Australia first (i.e. 0-2).
** Give full score, Yugoslavia first.
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WORLD CUP DIARY

● Rinus Michels, Holland's World Cup coach, is totally dissatisfied with his team's plans. "Our squad will meet only on May 23 and this gives me a shockingly short time," said the Barcelona-based coach.

● Milan Miljanic, the Yugoslav manager who watched the recent West Germany v. Scotland match, was most impressed by the hosts. "Manager Helmut Schon can sleep restfully," he said, "he's got a great team which will reach peak form in June."

● The rebuilt Westfalen Stadium in Dortmund had its debut last week (April 17) with the West Germany v. Hungary match. The ground will accommodate 54,000 spectators during the World Cup.

● "This is the weakest Brazilian team I have ever seen since I've been in soccer," said Mexico's coach I. Jauregui after the 1-1 drawn match between the teams.

● "Haiti will be the greatest sensation of the World Cup," said Uruguay coach R. Porta whose team met the Haitians twice recently.

● Brazil trounced Haiti 4-0 in Brasilia last week. Their next opponents are: Greece on April 28, in Rio; Austria on May 1 in Sao Paulo; Eire on May 5, in Goias and Paraguay on May 12, in Rio. Brazil will fly to Europe on May 16.

N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE										HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	M			W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Safeway	7	4	2	1	14	7	10	-4			3	1	—	9	4	7		1	1	1	5	3	
St. George	7	4	1	2	15	8	9	-5			3	—	—	10	2	6		1	1	2	5	6	
Pan Hellenic	5	3	1	1	14	6	7	-3			2	—	1	10	4	4		1	1	—	4	2	
Wests	5	3	1	1	7	1	7	-3			2	—	1	4	1	4		1	1	—	3	—	
APIA	5	3	1	1	10	8	7	-3			2	1	—	7	5	5		1	—	1	3	3	
Yugal-Prague	5	1	4	—	9	6	6	-4			1	1	—	4	1	3		—	3	—	5	5	
Auburn	6	2	1	3	7	9	5	-7			1	1	—	3	2	3		1	—	3	4	7	
Hakoah	5	2	1	2	6	9	5	-5			—	1	1	1	4	1		2	—	1	5	5	
Marconi	6	1	2	3	5	8	4	-8			—	1	2	1	4	1		1	1	1	4	4	
Sutherland	6	1	2	3	8	14	4	-8			—	2	1	5	8	2		1	—	2	3	6	
Canterbury	7	1	2	4	11	25	4	-10			1	1	2	4	8	3		—	1	2	7	17	
Croatia	6	—	2	4	9	14	2	-10			—	1	2	6	8	1		—	1	2	3	6	

M: stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION "IN-FORM" GRANVILLE COULD WIN TWICE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Once again the heavy rain caused the postponement of several matches last week, resulting in a distorted picture of the league ladder.

With four matches played from the six scheduled, Granville displayed their best form of the season to annihilate Bankstown at Garside Park.

Balgownie came good with a win while the troubled Newtown seem to be on the mend under coach Bill Vrolyks.

Marrickville v. Balgownie 1-2

Under the conditions, good football was out of the question as both sides slugged at the ball which once it hit the ground, sunk in the mud as the rain pelted down right through-out the match.

Jim Cannon opened Balgownie's account in the 28th minute with a brilliant header which came across from the left wing.

Dudley Gould equalised for Marrickville and the teams changed posts on level terms.

Balgownie, who finished strongly, scored their winning goal in the 75th minute when Wayne Ronald cracked a hard drive past McDonald which stopped dead one foot inside the line.

Scottish import Hugh Finney, who was the subject of an argument with Safeway, made his debut for the Magpies.

Marrickville: McDonald, Hardy, Brett, Pondikas, McLoughlin, Hanlon, Gould (1), McCulloch, McCarthy (McGill), Reilly, Henshaw.

Balgownie: Luskin, Davies, Luck, Pico, Diney, Lavan, Crocker, Cannon (1), Royall, Ronald (1), Freeme.

Newtown v. Guildford 2-2

An own goal by hard-working fullback Richard Parle cost Guildford a win in a game played in quagmire conditions.

Guildford scored the first three goals of the match!

Graham Robinson opened the score for Guildford, but Parle, intercepting a harmless-looking clearance, evaded it up when the ball skidded off his foot into the net.

Eddie Williams put Guildford in the lead again, but with 10 minutes to go, Eddie Howard crashed home a deserved equaliser from a perfect pass by John Demos.

Newtown played most of the match with 10 men

after George Krejza was ordered off the field by the referee in the 38th minute.

Newtown: Vlotis, Koukis, Trimintzios, Ariola, Kehagas, Nezerites, Demos, Melita, Krejza, Page (Moubtaris), Howard (1).

Guildford: Wilson, Parle (o.g.), Fraser, Brewin, Schofield, Bobbin, Lowe, Coleman (Haydec), Robinson (1), Stephenson, Williams (1) (Keiley).

Corinthians v. Rapid 1-1

In a hard game also played on a muddy surface, Corinthians scrambled to share the spoils with only one minute to spare — from a penalty.

Rapid barnstormed the Corinthians' goal early with some good attacks and Graham Vibert scored in the sixth minute to give them the lead.

Corinthians handled the sloppy conditions better after the break, but despite some good attacks they could not pierce the strong Rapid defence.

With only one minute to go, Johnny Mack was brought down in the penalty area with a heavy tackle.

Hugh Hendry made no mistake from the spotkick.

Corinthians: Richardson, Speed (McCulloch), Mack, Harman, Jagger, Hendry (1), Pappas, Fowler (Draddy), Denham, Evans, Corral.

Rapid: Iro, Threlfo, Okon, Schmidt, Eipeldauer, Prophet, Jenkins (Williams), Toudouins, Vibert (1), Baker, Hillhouse.

Granville v. Bankstown 6-0

In their best performance of the season, Granville crushed Bankstown to the tune of 6-0 and the score could have been bigger if the Bankstown goalkeeper had not played so well.

With Garside Park holding well under the deluge, the game was played in fairly good conditions which Granville seemed able to handle much better than the "Towns".

The score was 2-0 at the break, but Granville continued the onslaught in the second half as the Bankstown defence collapsed.

The visitors mounted a few attacks and missed a couple of easy chances, but they were a well and truly beaten side.

Granville: Watson, Setfridge, O'Maye (1), Mellish, Gardner, Waters (2), Spillarewicz (1), Gilmour (1), Hann (1), Fraser, Allan.

THIS WEEK

Weather permitting, six teams will have to double-up to provide three matches on Anzac Day in addition to the full round scheduled for Sunday.

Competition leaders Granville have comparatively easy matches against Polonia and NS-Inter, which should add another four points to their tally.

However, promotion aspirants Melita Eagles face two tough games in Corinthians and Manly and cannot afford to drop any points if their challenge for promotion is to be maintained.

Other interesting matches should be Balgownie-Corinthians at Balgownie Oval and the Guildford-Polonia clash.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

State League fixtures for the second round to be played this weekend are as follows:

Saturday: Slavia v. Austria, JUST v. Polonia.

SM-Hellas v. Melbourne.

Sunday: Hakoah v. Alexander, Juventus v. George Cross, Mooroolbark v. Wilhelmina.

GTV 9, who are televising a State League game each weekend, are not without knowledge of the code at the top of their ranks. General manager Leon Hill 38, was goalkeeper for South Australia in its matches in 1956 against Nationalist China, Rapid Vienna and South Africa. He played for Birkalla Rovers, is a keen follower of English matches screened on TV and attends most of the games at Olympic Park featuring overseas sides.

Hakoah's latest arrival, winger Stephen Sammeroff, from the Scottish amateur club Muirhead, came after a tip-off from a supporter of the club had read in a Scottish newspaper that the player was interested in emigrating to Australia. Hakoah got to work immediately through their Scottish contact and Sammeroff was here in next to no time.

AL WASN'T AMUSED

The flamboyant Minister for Immigration, Al Grassby, who flew down from Canberra to present the Victorian Ampol Cup, must have been disappointed not only that the game finished a draw after extra-time with no need for the presentation, but also at the size of the crowd — only 4,000 — and the behavior of a few players who tended to make the game a rough-house. Mr. Grassby could have been excused for thinking more in terms of deportation rather than immigration!

Kurt Defris ("Mr. Hakoah"), whose name has been synonymous with the Middle Park club for over 20 years, recently entered hospital for a hip operation. Kurt, who has a wide interest in sports and in his younger days represented Austria at ice-hockey, hopes to be out and about again in a month's time.

Chris Valli, a 15-year-old who plays in Latrobe Valley soccer, makes the round trip of 260 kms from his home each Friday night to participate in Bill Curran's coaching clinic at South Melbourne Tech.

VSE's \$59,000 BONANZA

The Victorian Soccer Federation is to receive \$10,000 from the State Government, to be used for the promotion of the juniors and coaching. On top of this, the VSE is to get a \$49,000 grant from Rothman's and, with their very healthy credit balance accumulated as a result of visits from overseas teams in the past year, let's hope the Federation plough the money in the avenues where it is most needed and can bring the best results.

Hammy McMeekhan, who needs no introduction and presently plays for Juventus, is off to Japan to play for the Yomiuri Soccer Club in Tokyo, along with Dennis Boland, the former Hakoah keeper now with Albion Rovers in the First Division. The two players have signed a two-year contract with the Japanese club and will as part of their perks for signing accompany the team to West Germany for the World Cup finals when they hope to play a few matches there. The Tokyo club are reported to be paying Juventus \$1,000 for McMeekhan and Boland's visit will accompany him to Japan. Coach of the Yomiuri side is Franz Van Balkom, the former Wilhelmina player.

Last week's State League results: Hakoah 2 (Gadsby, Wheeler) d. Polonia 1 (Fletcher, o.g.), Juventus 7 (Di Marchi 3, Sabidussi, Lucchesi, a Gorie, Epifano) d. Melbourne 3 (Palinkas, Cummings, Tardino o.g.), Alexander 1 (Gibson) d. SM-Hellas, Mooroolbark 2 (Lane, Edgeley) d. Austria 1 (Hadzadovic), JUST 3 (Lukic 2, Rujevic) d. Wilhelmina 2 (Thom, Smith), Slavia 3 (Humble 2, Train) d. George Cross 1 (Cunningham).

— JIM COOK

INTER-SUBURBAN ROUND-UP

ALL-ACTION GAME TO NEPEAN

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Action Replay was the name of the game at Waverley Oval last Saturday, when Calvin Thoms and Dave Matthews got together to score a goal for Nepean against Bondi Marine, and turned on a quick repeat performance to provide the winner at 2-1.

Nepean started well, and opened the scoring when Thoms crossed from the right to Matthews, who swooped in from the left wing to head the goal.

Not long after they repeated the performance, much to the Westerners' delight.

The sloppy cricket pitch area didn't help the playing standard, and in the course of play two Bondi players were sent off by referee John Henkelman.

The Nepean defence misread the tactics on the day to persist with short passes at the back, when lifting the ball should have proved far more beneficial.

Concordia's goalkeeper survived a peppering from Queens Park at Queens Park on Saturday and the non-score ended at 0-0.

The rain tumbled down throughout, the Q.P. defence had little to do, and the whole performance turned out to be insipid.

UPSET

In Second Division Macquarie University upset Artarmon 2-1 in a reversal of the teams' usual roles. Artarmon had recorded a 5-0 Rothmans' Cup win over

experienced Chelsea on Easter Monday with three goals from Frank Knight and two from Barry Smith, and had been hot favorites for the event.

Eastwood went to town at University Oval No. 2, where the second half was played in blinding rain and the Woods traipsed out 3-0 winners.

One-third of the ground was under water and Eastwood found the tactics to meet the trouble.

Twelve minutes into the match Bruce West scored from 18 metres after a cross from David Bailey.

Cam McDonald was on the spot 15 minutes later. He found Paul Daley's through-ball and transferred it into the net.

Then the Eastwood captain-coach Morrie Smith put the issue beyond contention with seven minutes remaining for the team's third goal.

The first round Rothmans' Cup match between Kingsford and Canley Heights, originally a 1-1 draw, was replayed and Kingsford ran out 5-1 winner to proceed to the next round.

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SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

West Ryde counted themselves a shade lucky to come in 3-2 winners over Gladesville before a wet weather crowd of 500 at the L.H. Waud Showground at Meadowbank last Sunday, in one of only two Third Division matches played at the weekend.

The win resulted from an 87th minute snap shot from Dave Kerslake. Eddie Gilchrist took the corner which flew across the defenders to Kerslake, who transferred it from his right to his left and let fly with a winner.

Goalkeepers Johnny Seymour of Ravens, and Ken Binet of Rovers, were both in superb form on the day. Apparently they even gam foresight from having to have mud washed from their eyes.

Gladesville was first to score when Ken MacFarlane drove a loose ball almost through the net in the eighth minute, but Clive Stencer put one away in the corner for West Ryde from 20 metres out for a halftime 1-1.

West Ryde went ahead when Dave Zeman dived to head into the top left-hand corner from a 30-metre free-kick, but in the 65th minute Gladesville was back in the picture when MacFarlane came again, this time tucking a header from a left-wing corner high in the goal.

Then came the Dave Kerslake goal to take the points for West Ryde three minutes from the end of a game that might have been better resolved as a draw.

Arncliffe Scots and Kuring-gai played a 2-2 draw at lake-like Acron Oval, and Arncliffe had a moral victory that was not reflected in the points.

They had to soldier on with one man off the field, and their experience and

RESULTS

Last week's results: Belmore v. N. Dist. Def. 1-3 0-2. Uni. NSW v. W. S'land 0-5 1-6. Wenty v. Warrigah 3-2 2-0. Kuring-gai v. Arncliffe 2-2 1-0. Crown v. Revesby Deferred.

Sunday's draw: Belmore v. Ravens. Black Oval. Arncliffe Scots v. West Sutherland. Cabilli Park. Uni. NSW v. Warrigah. — D. Districts. — West. Sutherland Oval. Wenty v. West Ryde. — Jones Park. Kuring-gai v. Revesby Workers. — Acron Oval.

— KEITH GILMOUR